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THE AMAZING "WET" WAR.

LINERS' LIQUOR SEALS BROKEN.

CORKSCREW TACTICS IN NEW YORK HARBOUR.

HIGH AND DRY JINKS.

CUSTOMS MEN'S "REMOVAL" DUTIES SUSPENDED AND RENEWED.

Extraordinary scenes, reminiscent of slapstick film comedy, marked an attempt by American officials to apply "dry" ratings to the British liners Baltic and Berengaria in New York Harbour yesterday.

Removal operations, begun with the breaking of the British Customs seals on the Baltic, were suspended for an hour on the receipt of a countermand from Washington, renewed in conformity with fresh and more drastic instructions, and again interrupted for a medical ruling.

U.S. medical officers, in fact, played important roles in this comic warfare, and a permit granted to the Berengaria on medicinal grounds by a high authority was withdrawn by his superior. Eventually the liquor was removed.

THE fun began when the Baltic was boarded by Customs and other officers immediately on arrival.

A certain shyness on the part of the authorities marked the proceedings at the outset, the ticklish duty of actually breaking the seals being delegated from one department to another until it reached the public health officials, who were apparently unable to work it off on to anybody.

Yesterday morning the comic climax followed another. The "action of the piece" can best be delineated in the series of terse Reuter telegrams received during the day.

New York, 8.45 a.m.—Customs officers seized Baltic's liquor supplies this morning.

10.5 a.m.—Seizure of the Baltic's liquor supplies was stopped by a countermanding order which arrived presumably from Washington just as some of the liner's liquor was being carried off.

11 a.m.—The American authorities have resumed the removal of the Baltic's liquor. This second raid was confined to the taking of an inventory of the liquor on board and the placing of a guard over it.

2 p.m.—The actual removal of the liquor began.

According to an Exchange message the renewed operations were then stopped by the collector pending a pier conference between Dr. Sprague, chief of the U.S. Public Health service, and the Customs officials. As a result of this colloquy it was decided that the Baltic should retain 52 gallons of spirits, 72 gallons of wine, and 576 bottles of ale and stout.

The excess of liquor over these amounts was then removed and conveyed under guard to a Government warehouse.

It is understood that the Berengaria will be "relieved" of 31 gallons of spirits and 3,000 bottles of ale and stout.

This sort of thing, with appropriate substitutes, would pack any suburban cinema in this country six days of the week.

None of the humour of the affair is lost in the detailed accounts.

TELEPHONE COUNTERMAND.

The first seizure of liquor under government seal in a British steamship (says Reuter) was begun when a party of Customs officials headed by a Deputy Surveyor, Mr. Sanders, boarded the White Star liner Baltic shortly before ten o'clock.

Mr. Sanders obtained the key to the room from the purser and, after unlocking the door, which the ship's officers refused to do for him, he broke the British Consular seals and formally turned the liquor over to Mr. Palmer Canfield, the New York State Prohibition Director, whose assistants immediately began to remove it.

After about 15 minutes, however, a telephone message was received with dramatic suddenness ordering operations to be suspended. By that time Mr. Sanders had already handed Captain Roberts a receipt for the liquor and the latter had lodged a formal protest against the breaking of the British seals and the action of the officials.

In reply to the message ordering the halt the Deputy Surveyor explained that the removal of the liquor had already begun but the countermanding order was confirmed, whereupon the chamber was locked up and the Mexican officials left the ship.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the Customs authorities resumed the removal of the liquor and began to bring the Baltic's 6,198 bottles of spirits ashore, where they were placed on trucks.

ETNA COOLING DOWN.

DIMINISHED FLOW OF LAVA IN EVERY SECTOR.

There is better news from Sicily, where Mount Etna has been for some days in violent eruption.

The Exchange reported last night that the flow of lava had diminished in all sectors, and some "rivulets" had become stationary. During the day the advance had been only at the rate of 15 metres per hour. At that rate it will take a fortnight for the lava to reach Linguaglossa, the town noted for its 14 churches.

Telegraphic and telephonic services have been resumed, and new lines have been laid. Civil engineers estimate that lava has been strewn over an area of roughly four miles.

THRILLS AT BROOKLANDS.

Car Sheds When Going at Over 100 Miles per hour.

At Brooklands yesterday J. G. P. Thomas, whilst driving his record-breaking Scyllander Leyland at over 100 miles an hour, skidded as he left the banking. He managed to right himself, but finished the race minus the threads of his rear tyres. He won the race with an average speed of 115 miles per hour.

In another race A. Ellison had a narrow escape. He was in hot pursuit of the leader in the last lap when one of the back tyres came off and the rear part skidded. By a clever piece of driving he avoided a collision. The meeting was organised by the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club.



Summer came into full bloom yesterday with the first real show that sunshades have been able to make. This is a galaxy of summer girls watching the Marlow Regatta.

TERRIBLE AIR RACE TRAGEDY.

OFFICER BURNED TO DEATH.

HYDROPLANE CRASH.

AN "ACE" KILLED.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Chertsey, Saturday night.

A red machine streaking across the sky like a giant gnat, a burst of flame out of which circled a dark mass—wreckage of an aeroplane.

Such was the tragic end of Major Foot, who started from "scratch" in the Air Race Handicap from Lympne to Birmingham, Bristol and back.

When I reached the scene of the crash the wreckage of the monoplane and the body of the airman were still smouldering.

The Major, burnt beyond recognition, was lying on his back with arms outstretched.

He had fallen from a height of about 500 feet.

The accident occurred about 3.45 this afternoon on the Stonehill road, a country lane between Chertsey and Chobham.

Many persons saw the monoplane fall, but they were at too great a dis-

Mr. Burns, of Chobham, who served in the Air Force, said: "I saw the monoplane. Suddenly the left wing seemed to double back, or crumple up, and the machine nose-dived helplessly to earth."

Other persons told me that the left wing "became helpless." The machine turned over and over sideways before it fell.

A remarkable feature of the tragedy was that the falling mass missed the tall trees on each side of the lane and fell exactly in the centre. The flames reached a great height, and could be seen from the village of Ottershaw, a couple of miles away.

Major Foot was an able and experienced pilot. He was with the R.A.F. at the front, and later became one of Handley Page's regular pilots.

BRITISH OFFICERS INJURED

A British hydroplane (says the Exchange) which took part in the flight from Malta to Gibraltar and back crashed yesterday owing to a breakage of control. Four British officers were on the machine. Two were unhurt. The other two, whose names are transmitted as Scrivind and Ting, were taken to the Naval Hospital at Sidi Abdulla.

Although seriously injured they are expected to recover.

FAMOUS AIRMAN KILLED

Paris, Saturday.

Jean Casale, the well-known "ace" who holds the French height record, was killed this afternoon when his aeroplane fell in the Oise Commune of Damerecourt. Casale, who was 29 years of age, was taken dead from the debris. The mechanic, Bourdet, was badly hurt. —Central News.

AN AIR MINISTER'S CRASH.

Paris, Saturday.

The aeroplane in which Signor Mercanti, the Italian Air Minister, was proceeding to Paris and London by air to attend the international congress in London next week was travelling made a forced landing, owing to engine trouble, in the marshes near the Lake of Bourget, Savoy, this afternoon.

Signor Mercanti had several ribs and an arm broken, but is not in immediate danger. —Reuter.



MAJOR FOOT
(Photographed on his arrival at Croydon for the race).

tance to be of any service, even had the airman been only injured.

Eyes-witnesses told me that the left wing crumpled up and the machine nose-dived. In all probability Major Foot was killed when he struck the earth.

It is to be hoped that this was the case, for the monoplane burst into flames. Everything combustible in the machine was destroyed.

A footman in the service of Brigadier-General Sir Edward Hutton said:

"About twenty past four I saw the aeroplane come over Foxhills. It was flying very low. I went to the spot and found that it had been burnt to cinder. The airman's body, which was terribly burnt, was inside the seat."

There were about thirty people standing round the machine, but it was hopeless for anyone to do anything.

Police were summoned to the scene by Lady Hutton, who telephoned to them from her residence. She also sent members of her staff down to the scene in case their services might be required.

YOKED TO THE BED.

PEASANT'S NOVEL WAY OF HATCHING EGGS.

Summoned to appear before the local court, a peasant at Harderslev, Denmark, sent a message that he was sitting on some eggs, and he asked the court to wait until his wife came back from market to relieve him.

A constable visited the house, saw Renter, and found the man solemnly lying in bed upon a good clutch of goose eggs, carefully wrapped in straw and shavings. Two of the eggs were already hatched, and the small goslings wandered about over the bedclothes.

Later the man's place on the eggs was taken by his wife.

CLUE OF PECCULAR KEYS.

"One of the unexplained mysteries of the Thames," was the comment of the East London Coroner, recording an open verdict at an inquest at Stepney yesterday upon the body of a middle-aged man recovered from the river.

There was nothing on the clothing to help the police in establishing the man's identity, with the exception of two bunches of keys of a most unusual formation.

The coroner and the police surgeon stated they had never seen similar ones before.

WILDE'S OWN STORY.

MIND A BLANK AFTER SECOND ROUND.

TACTICS EXPLAINED.

THE FATEFUL BLOW.

THE amazing fact that after a heavy right-hand blow in the second round, Jimmy Wilde carried on his fight with Pancho Villa in a semi-conscious condition is revealed by the famous Welsh boxer in his own story of the contest.

His exclusive cable to "The People" gives a graphic description of his defeat at the hands of "a great fighter," but Wilde claims that the blow he received on the chin after the gong had sounded robbed him of any chance of victory.

By JIMMY WILDE.
(Exclusive Cable to "The People.")

New York, Saturday.

I was knocked out fairly and squarely in the seventh round of my contest with Pancho Villa at the Polo Ground, New York, on Monday last.

To me it was a bitter surprise, for I thought I stood a good chance of defeating the Filipino.

But now, removed as I am from the world's fly-weight throne, I have gone aside to make way for a youth who is a great fighter and a skilled boxer, too.

Since my defeat the American Press has written nothing but praise of my deeds in the ring, and words fail me to express how deeply I appreciate my kind treatment by the American public.

The critics believe that I was weak from the first gong and not anything like my old self.

They were wrong. I was strong and fit in the first two rounds.

I had seen Villa box and had mapped out my plan of campaign accordingly.

I had planned to let Villa carry the fight. I wanted to encourage him to come at me so that I could nail him later on. That has been my scheme throughout my career in the ring.

If I looked arm-weary and weak in the legs during the first two rounds I did not feel that way. True, I took a lot of punishment in those rounds, but it was part of my game to draw Villa on.

Still, I never bargained to receive a heavy right-hander on the chin after the bell had sounded the end of the second round.

THE WINNING PUNCH.

That punch really won the fight for Villa, for I have no recollection of the happenings in the third round, and remember nothing clearly of what took place in the remaining sessions of the bout.

Nothing is said so far, as to the age when a child becomes "a young person."

There is a surplus of £200,000 on the trams for the past year. This will go towards the reduction of the loss of over £60,000 incurred in the two previous years.

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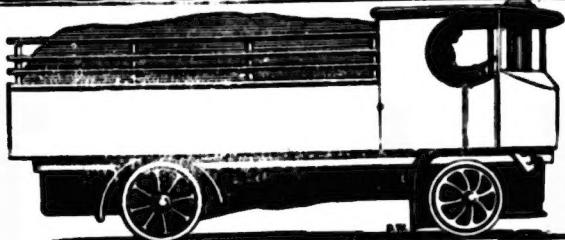
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RANKER - OFFICERS' DEMANDS.

MASS MEETING TAKES DECISIVE STEPS.

(Special to "The People.")

Army pensioned ranker-officers crowded the lecture-room of the Imperial Hotel, Russell-square, at a meeting to determine the line of action to be adopted by their representatives in the new campaign, now launched, to secure the status of officers and recognition as such for service during the war.

It was stated that the Members of Parliament forming the deputation which Colonel Sir Arthur Holbrook would lead in the forthcoming interview with Lord Derby, Secretary of State for War, would be: The Rt. Hon. Dr. Macnamara, Major-General Sir Robt. Hutchison, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel H. C. Woodcock, Major Ruggles-Brise, M.C., and Captain Eskine Bolst.

Representatives of the pensioned officers to accompany the M.P.s are Captain F. D. Bone (political secretary) and Captain W. T. Perkins (hon. secretary).

Letters promising support of the claim were read from Members of Parliament of all parties in the House. One of these was from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in which he wrote: "We have been interested in the subject all along, and will continue fighting for this until something is done."

DETERMINED ACTION.

Captain Bone gave details of the events which led up to this separate and united effort of the Army pensioned officers to obtain full recognition of rank and war service. He paid a tribute to Sir Arthur Holbrook and the many Members of Parliament who are working on their behalf in the House, and demanded that the pensioned officers themselves should now elect a committee with power to act, to determine whether they would become a non-party organisation, and adopt every possible method to ensure the enrolment of pensioned officers affected. Service as pensioned officers in the Regulars, New Armies, Special Reserve, Territorials and Yeomanry was to count. It is estimated that there are about 2,500.

The meeting decided that the claim for status and retired pay should be conducted by the committee of Army pensioned ranker-officers, and that the following should form the committee: Captain H. Hibbard, chairman, Medway Ranker Officers' Club; Captain C. J. Vale, Woolwich; Captain W. T. Perkins, hon. secretary; and Captain F. D. Bone, political secretary.

It was unanimously resolved that all members who could do so should subscribe ten shillings to the fund required for propaganda and administration.

The question of establishing a central office is being considered, and communications and subscriptions should for the present be sent to Captain Perkins, 25, Baronsfield-nd., Twickenham. Letters concerning "the cause" should be addressed to Captain Bone, 32, Doughty-st., W.C.1.

THE MARK ON THE EGG.

NO FOREIGN YOLK.

MORE ABOUT THE PROTEST FUND.

By Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

The House of Commons Committee will resume its consideration of the Merchandise Marks Bill on Tuesday.

In the meantime Unionist members who sit for industrial centres are still being pressed by local retailers of commodities affected to oppose the measure. In every case the reason assigned is the alleged increased cost to the public.

A circular issued by a number of firms states that if the proposal to



The breakfast egg from foreign strand Comes sneaking in without a mark; The good old British bairndoar's brand Is what we'll have—so keep the mark!

mark imported eggs comes into force it will have the effect of diminishing the supply and thus raise the price of both foreign and home produce to the injury of the British consumer.

On the other hand it is claimed that those who oppose egg marking overlook the fact that at least two of the leading Danish Co-operative Societies voluntarily now mark their eggs; and that Danish butter and bacon are already stamped. And the marking of Danish eggs has arrived very well by raising Danish prices in view of the guaranteed quality of the article.

INSPIRED ABROAD.

The whole of the opposition to the Bill, particularly on the part of those interested in the importation of eggs, is claimed to be largely inspired by foreign influences, and Sir Herbert Matthews, Secretary of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, says that his Committee have passed a resolution calling attention to the nature of this opposition.

The opposition of retailers to marking imported eggs, it is contended, is due to the fact that these eggs are often mixed with newly laid British products and sold at a higher price in the market. On the other hand, it is claimed that this assertion would carry much more conviction if the authorities had been able to secure more prosecutions for an infringement of the existing law.

At present the Committee are considering the question of regulations governing the exposure for sale of imported meat. There is far less opposition by these importers than in the case of eggs.

The agitation against the Bill is really helping rather than impeding its progress.

BRITON TAXI TRAGEDY.

Heavy List at Old Bailey on Tuesday

Eighty-six persons in seventy cases are down for trial at the Central Criminal Court sessions on Tuesday at the Old Bailey.

Among them is Alexander Campbell Mason, indicted on a charge of murdering Jacob Dickey, the taxicab driver, at Brixton.

Two persons are charged with the publication of indecent literature "to the corruption of morals"; and there will be an echo of the Irish deportations when Mr. Art O'Brien and seven others are tried on a charge of conspiring to overthrow the Government in Ireland.

There are nine bigamy cases for trial.

CONVICT'S PRISON DEATH.

A verdict of "Natural Causes" was returned at the inquest at Wormwood Scrubs Prison yesterday on John Hartley, aged 62, of Burnley (Lancs.), who died from heart failure following bronchitis. It was stated that Hartley, who was serving a three-year sentence for larceny, had been in hospital in terrible health and was unable to eat the prison diet.

NEW SPEED RECORD.

At Farnborough (Hants) motor races yesterday, says Reuter, the Englishman Campbell, driving a Sunbeam, broke the world's speed record by covering a kilometre in 18.41 seconds, which is at the rate of 219.37 kilometres per hour, about 13 miles per hour. The previous record was 214 kilometres per hour.

MOTOR LORRY AMOR.

A young woman cyclist was very slightly injured, her machine smashed, and a pram containing two children completely wrecked, the children miraculously escaping serious hurt when a heavy motor lorry mounted the pavement in Highgate, London (N.W.) yesterday.

PAPER THAT PULLS.

Since an announcement appeared in "The People," Messrs. J. S. Fry and Sons, Ltd., have been overwhelmed with letters regarding their offer of £500 for the best name suggested for their new factory site on the banks of the Aven. Competition rules can be obtained upon request from confederates. Messrs. Fry and Sons compliment "The People" on its pulling power.

BATTLE SQUADRON AT EASTBOURNE.

ENTERTAINMENT PLANS FOR FOUR DAYS.

Arrangements are now complete for giving a warm welcome to the First Battle Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet, which will arrive at Eastbourne tomorrow.

Residents and visitors are keenly looking forward to the visit, and preparations have been made for a round of entertainment for the officers and men of the squadron.

The Fleet will leave Portland in time to reach Eastbourne in the evening. It includes the following ships under Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Sales Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O.

The Fleet is in two divisions, each of four ships. In the first division are the Barham (flagship), Malaya, Warspite and Valiant, each of 27,500 tons.

In the second are the Renown (the rear-admiral's flagship), Resolution, Ramillies and Royal Sovereign. All these are of 25,750 tons.

A strong reception committee, with the Mayor at its head, has been formed and plans have been perfected. The programme of entertainments includes a luncheon to the officers, given by the Mayor and Corporation on Tuesday. A cricket match between Eastbourne and the officers will follow.

Tea and an entertainment are to be provided for 300 men at the Town Hall, and there will be a special matinee of "The Edge of Beyond" for a similar contingent at the Pier Theatre.

On Wednesday, the officers will be entertained to lunch by the local Rotary Club. A cabaret dance will take place at Devonshire Park.

Thursday's events include sports in Devonshire Park in the afternoon, and the Naval and Military Ball at the Grand Hotel at night.

The ships of the squadron will be open to inspection at certain times on Tuesday and Wednesday. They leave on Friday.

TWO £462 FINES.

SMUGGLING GERMAN SACCHARIN INTO LONDON.

Two Dutch subjects, Louis Ensel, 31, ship's steward, and William Lauck, 31, quartermaster, on the s.s. Batavier II, lying at Custom House Quay, were arrested yesterday to open a village fete organised by Mrs. Elwin Nott in aid of the local nursing centre and hospitals. The "highwaymen" were armed with collecting boxes.

Mr. Sutherland Graeme, in his welcome, referred to the marriage of the Duke of York and the Earl and Countess's daughter.

Lord Strathmore occasioned amusement by recalling that one of his ancestors had been held up by a highwayman, who came off second best.

The "highwaymen" collected a large sum by holding up all motorists passing through the village. Some 20,000 persons attended the fete.

RELEASING PENDING APPEAL.

Pending an appeal against his conviction, Wm. Stevens (16), of Cuthbert-st., Paddington, who at Marylebone court was sentenced to 21 days' hard labour for cruelty to a horse, has been released.

Telling the story at the inquest, Miss Alice Cornish, of Iver-nd., Layton, said she was with Miss Christine Turnville, of Springfield-nd., Kingston, in a boat moored at the bank. Seeing the boy in the water they unfastened the boat, with a little delay owing to excitement, and pulled out. Then Miss Turnville lost an oar, and they had to paddle with one oar.

Witness herself nearly fell into the water when leaning from the boat. The boy failed to grasp an oar and went under.

Returning a verdict of accidental drowning the coroner commended the two women for their efforts.

COAL STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Week's Truce Expected to Lead to Peace.

A strike to-morrow of 5,000 coal porters and carmen in the Metropolitan area of London has been averted.

Negotiations on the question of a reduction of landing charges were reopened yesterday, these being undertaken by Mr. Ernest Bevin, Mr. A. Watson, secretary of the coal section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, with Mr. W. H. Moger, chairman of the London Society of Coal Merchants.

As a result of these negotiations, the stoppage has been called off for a week, and during that time it is hoped that a settlement will be reached.

NO SLEEP FOR A WEEK.

Suicide of Woman who Worked Day and Night.

A woman who, though working hard as masseuse all day, sat up until two or three in the morning in connection with her interest in church matters, formed the subject of a Stepney inquest yesterday. Her body was recovered from the Thames and a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.

She was Martina Barclay (40), single, a certified masseuse, of Swedish nationality, who had a flat in George-st., Portman. Her father was at one time a clergyman in Sweden.

A doctor said Miss Barclay was neuritic and highly-strung and had been sleeping badly. She had not slept for a week prior to her death.

ROMANCE OF THE C.P.R.

That truth is stranger than fiction is well exemplified in the wonderful "Story of the Canadian Pacific Railway," as told by Keith Morris in a perfectly entrancing book published by Wm. Stevens, Ltd., of Henrietta-st., Covent Garden, and sold at 5s. 6d. Here is what we may call a commercial epic, detailing the wonderful achievements of British enterprise and pluck in the cause of Imperial progress.

People who talk casually of the C.P.R. rarely realise what a dramatic history the great railroad has, or the part played by the company in the development of Canada and its wondrous West, the saving of British Columbia and the linking up of four continents by the establishment of fleets of fast steamers on the Atlantic and the Pacific.

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THOUSAND YEARS IN PAGEANT.

HARROW'S FETE.

3,000 PERFORMERS IN SPECTACLE.

Hundreds of delighted spectators yesterday witnessed a full dress rehearsal of Harrow's historic pageant fixed to commence next Thursday in the presence of Prince Henry. In a series of beautiful tableaux the 1,000 years of Harrow's memorable history will be unfolded; from the coming of the Saxons down to modern times.

About 3,600 players will take part in the various scenes. There will be Beornwulf, the King of Mercia, St. Alans, Becket, Edward I., and Bluff King Hal, each with the people and costumes of the period.

Coming to the comparatively modern days of Queen Elizabeth there is a tableau representing John Lyon receiving the Charter for his "thirty poor scholars," out of which sprang the famous school—a little bit of history known to every good Harrovian.

A particularly pretty scene is the parting of Becket from the Abbot of St. Albans, enacted by hundreds of workers from a local factory.

Four large boardounds are a feature of King Henry's hawking party. Yesterday, no little amusement was caused by the four setting off in opposite directions; and the "varlet," who held them in leash, had to follow!

Another delightful tableau is that showing the rather acrimonious meeting of Edward I. and the Prince of Wales, the actors being on horseback. Two civic scenes, "The Silver Arrow" and "The Temple of Fame," in which all the great names of the school contingent at the Pier Theatre.

The Earl and Countess of Strathmore were "held up" by horsemen, masked and attired as highwaymen, when they motored to Harpenden (Herts) yesterday to open a village fete organised by Mrs. Elwin Nott in aid of the local nursing centre and hospitals. The "highwaymen" were armed with collecting boxes.

Mr. Francis: It is really an extraordinary case. What is the suggestion?

Witness: It is the method of a pick-pocket. I do not suggest that this man is one, though his conduct was so suspicious. I never saw him touch anyone's pocket.

Det.-Sgt. Cude stated that accused's explanation since arrest was that he was trying to find a friend who had been to a cricket match at the Oval.

Mr. Francis: Looking for a friend on the top of an omnibus! I don't think defendant can be surprised at being where he is.

Accused: I am not surprised. I am extremely sorry.

Later a gentleman, holding an official position at the Law Courts, after speaking as to accused's respectability, admitted that his conduct was unaccountable.

Mr. Francis: It is so remarkable that I shall have some



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penury by her husband's gambling and
drug habits, and a terrifying experience
which bares her and how he finally overcame the craving.

TRAGIC illustrations of the soul-destroying effects produced by drug-giving are by no means uncommon in these days.

Now and again we are startled by seeing honoured names among those whose lives have been wrecked by this dreadful curse of modern civilisation.

In my husband's case cocaine became an overpowering passion. Let me say that in describing this, perhaps the saddest experience of my chequered life, I am not animated by any unworthy motives. If what I write appears at all harsh or unkind it must be understood that I do not harbour any bitterness against one who, time after time, proved his worth.

My husband and I met on the stage and our attachment from start to finish was romantic. Tall, dark, and handsome, slightly foreign in appearance, he was a charming man and a clever violinist.

The circumstances of our wedding were rather curious. Like many another girl I was always fascinated by the gifts of fortune telling supposed to be possessed by gypsies.

Sometime before this Gypsy Lee, the "Queen of Fortune Tellers," had been the rage of fashionable London. I found this extraordinary woman living in Brighton in comfortable retirement.

I have never forgotten the interview I had with her. After describing, with uncanny accuracy, members of my family whom she had never seen, she told me many remarkable things.

"You are engaged to be married," she crooned, "but you will not marry your present fiance. Yet you will marry on Christmas Eve. But I warn you against what is in store. You will have a good deal of trouble and unhappiness, and the marriage will cause trouble with your people. You make your money by movement and music, and you will find later on in life after you have had years of ill luck that you will make your way solely through the work of your own brain. You will shortly receive a proposal of marriage by telegram and will accept, and I should like to send me a piece of your wedding cake."

I must say I was strongly moved by the old lady's singular prophecy, and by the certainty with which she made it. It was then October, and there was no sign of any of the things she had told me coming true. And yet the events she foretold were fulfilled to the letter. I received a telegram proposing marriage, promptly accepted the proposal and we were duly married on Christmas Eve at the Brompton Oratory.

For the first four years our marriage was a happy one. I had a private income, and we were comfortably placed. Then, to my dismay, I discovered that my hus-

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band had become addicted to gambling. It was not until he was deeply involved and had to appeal to me to pay his debts that I found out what a hold on him gambling had obtained. But I noticed what to me at that time had little meaning. His life seemed to alternate between hysterical excitement and depression of the most pronounced type. I could not understand it at all, for at times he was so morose as to be intolerable. At last I could bear it no longer and, turning to him, I said, "Look here, my dear, if you are in any trouble why don't you tell me? There is no need for you to keep anything back."

For a time he seemed unwilling to take me into his confidence, but eventually unburdened his heart. I found he had incurred big debts through cards, and after an intimate talk I concluded that my only course was to mortgage my private income in order to save his honour.

There was a good deal in my husband's conduct which continued to puzzle me. Frequently I noticed that after he had had his handkerchief up to his face he seemed to brighten up. One day I perceived what I took to be powder on his upper lip, and although I said nothing to him about it at the time I made careful inquiries from a friend regarding the matter.

Powder Discovery.

Imagine my horror when I was told that the powder I had seen was cocaine. I did not even then understand the dreadful significance of my discovery. But instinctively I realised that I had no time to lose if I wanted to save my husband from consequences of the vicious habit he had contracted.

I well remember that on one occasion when he was lifting his handkerchief to his face I stopped him and, firmly but gently, told him that unless he stopped taking the drug I should have to obtain a separation, and he would have to keep himself to himself.

The habit had secured too great a hold of him, however, and eventually he was discharged and could not obtain another situation. After this my life became almost unbearable.

When he was without the drug he would come to me for money to purchase some, and if I did not give him what he wanted at once he became very violent. Then suddenly his attitude would change. He would whine and cringe and beg me to let him have a little money in order that he might buy the only thing that made his life worth living.

Soon after this he adopted a cunning ruse in order to force my hands. As I have said, he was a handsome man and very proud of his appearance, and he calculated that if he could hurt my pride he

might succeed in extorting money from me. His clothes began to disappear from the house in which we lived, and when I asked him where they had gone, he said he had had to sell them in order to get money.

I was not satisfied and began to keep a keen watch on his movements. By this means I found that he had taken a little room in the neighbourhood and was in the habit of changing his shabby clothing in the morning for a smart suit and then in the evening, before returning home, he would dress himself up in the old suit again.

Terrifying Incident.

To me this conduct suggested serious mental and moral deterioration, and I was almost at my wits' end as to what to do. I waited my opportunity and then told him I had found out his deception. I was very indignant. "How dare you cheat me!" I asked him. "I know that you have been acting like a lie."

A dreadful scene followed. He threatened to kill me unless I gave him money, but I kept my eyes on him all the time, and even when he seized a knife and crouched ready to spring on me I showed no sign of fear, for I knew that he was not himself, and I had arranged to signal to a friend who lived in a lower part of the house if ever I was in any danger.

On this occasion when I felt that he meant what he said and that my life was threatened I tapped gently on the floor with my heel and the husband's crazy woman friend came into the room just in time, sprang on my husband and wrested the knife from his grasp. He jumped to his feet and dashed wildly into the room.

Between these fits of madness our life was fairly happy, but my husband's craving for drugs hung like a shadow over our happiness. I dared not go to sleep at night until I knew he was himself at rest, and the constant strain made serious inroads upon my health.

One day I found some cocaine hidden away and destroyed it. Waking up at two o'clock a morning or two later I saw my husband hunting for it. Fascinated I watched his movements. He gradually worked himself up into a frenzy of excitement because he could not discover the missing drug. Suddenly he saw me and, with a curse, snarled: "You have thrown it away."

"Thrown what away?" I asked. And he replied, "You know."

We were then living in a small seaside town on the coast of Scotland and, fearing the consequences if I stayed indoors, I ran out of the house, closely followed by my husband, who was like a madman.

Hardly knowing what I was doing, I

rushed on to the esplanade and down the steps on to the sand, my only idea being to get away from him. The tide was out and once over I felt my only means of escape was to rush into the sea. Suddenly I remembered that there were numerous rocks on the shore, and decided to give him the slip by hiding behind one of these.

Refuge on the Sands.

My run was partially successful, and I saw him stop, apparently under the impression that I had gone into the sea. I took advantage of this momentary respite and made again for the esplanade, for I knew that if I could get to the house of an acquaintance I should be all right. But he saw me, and the pursuit began afresh. At length I got to the door of my friend's house and knocked in a frenzy. To my relief the door was opened and I got inside just in time, leaving my husband standing on the threshold, dazed and demented.

A curious feature in connection with drug-taking is that people who have become overpowered by the habit often have no recollection of their misdeeds. So it was in the case of my husband. When I went home next morning I found him almost beside himself with grief and anxiety on my behalf. The memory of the night's events had completely gone from his mind, and he had no idea what had happened to me.

About this time he began to be the victim of delusions. He was under the impression that there was a conspiracy afoot to poison him, and would not eat anything into the house.

My husband's condition grew worse and worse until at last a doctor told him that unless he submitted himself to treatment there was nothing for it but his removal to a lunatic asylum. The doctor, not only a clever medical man but also a keen student of psychology, at length managed to persuade my husband to go away for a rest. After this he went on a long sea voyage and returned to my home sound in mind and body.

How radical and complete was the cure is shown by the fact that he was accepted for his country's service in the R.G.A. In the Army I am told he gave a good account of himself. Enlisting as a ranker, he quickly obtained stripes. He was in many fierce engagements and fell a victim to poison gas.

When I look back I can only say with gratitude that I am proud of his redemption. Although a clever man he was easily influenced, but I am happy to think that he had the strength of will to make a fight and that he rose from the lowest depths of despair to become once more a clean, healthy and self-respecting man.

In my concluding instalment I will tell experiences, grave and gay, which befell me while singing in London streets to the accompaniment of a harmonium.

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FINANCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

STOCK GENERALLY DEPRESSED.

(By Our City Representative.)

FOR the time being the speculative spirit is dead, and in view of the big advance in prices which has taken place within the past few months, it is not surprising that holders seeing good profits are anxious to secure them pending the passing of the clouds which at present obscure the outlook.

The recent set-back has undoubtedly gone a long way to restoring healthy conditions to markets. A rapid recovery may be anticipated with confidence as soon as there is any indication of a change for the better in the general situation.

PRICES GENERALLY LOWER.

Gilt-edged securities have declined all along the line, and foreign stocks have been generally depressed by the weakness of exchanges. Among the latter the fluctuations in the new Austrian loan have been noteworthy, early strength being followed by a sharp relapse. Home Railways have remained friendless. Foreign Railways have tended steadily downwards with the exception of United Hayavanas, which have been one of the few good features of the week.

Brewery stocks have offered a good resistance to the prevailing depression.

Mines have been idle, and the announcement of good dividends by the "Johannesburg" group without effect. The Johannesburg Consolidated Co. is paying 12½ per cent., free of tax, as compared with 7½ per cent., free of tax, for the previous year.

LITTON'S REPORT.

Litton's report for the year to the end of March last is a record of good progress. Both the home and export trade increased in volume, and with management expenses substantially reduced, a net profit of £337,056 was earned, as compared with £311,710 in the previous year. The dividend is unchanged at 12½ per cent., but the expenses of the 9 per cent. Preference share issue, amounting to £1,822, were written off, and the carry-forward increased from £37,382 to £38,639. These results are particularly satisfactory in view of the fact that the year's trading has had to bear a considerable depreciation in stocks owing to the fall in the value of commodities both at home and abroad. The shares are quoted at 80s., at which they give a yield of 8½ per cent.

SWELL AND ROYAL DUTCH.

That the Shell Transport and Trading Co.'s report for 1922 would show an appreciable falling-off in earnings as compared with the previous year was a foregone conclusion in view of the cut in the dividend from 2½ per cent. to 2½ per cent., both free of tax, previously announced. Actually the income from all sources is down from £5,028,671 to £4,938,056, and, adding the amount brought in and deducting expenses, an available balance is shown of £6,712,755, against £7,495,010. The Preference dividends taken over £200,000 more, at £16,541, while the reduced Ordinary dividend absorbs nearly £1,000,000 less at £4,357,217.

It is very satisfactory that the dividend was practically covered by the year's earnings, the carry-forward at £2,028,056 being only about £40,000 less than the amount brought in, and in view of the immensely strong position disclosed in the balance sheet, the shares, which are quoted at 80s., and give a yield of nearly 8½ per cent., free of tax, may be confidently recommended as a sound investment.

The Royal Dutch report is a document of great length dealing exhaustively with the company's world-wide interests. The profit of the year amounted to £7,730,477 florins, which allows of the payment of a dividend of 2½ per cent. on the Ordinary shares, against 3½ per cent. for the previous year.

HUDSON'S BAY RESULTS.

Shareholders in the Hudson's Bay Co. were prepared for an unfavourable report for the year to the end of May last by the substantial reduction in the dividend recently announced, and this document,

PRESSING PROBLEM OF EMPLOYMENT.

A CLUB PROPOSAL. NAVY NOTES: By "The Man Behind the Gun."

TIME was when H.M. Coastguard, in crisis or war, was considered as the first reserve of the Fleet; and this view was held with greater or less effect until the war demonstrated that pride of place in this regard must be conceded to the R.F.R. force.

The men came to the flag to man at the order to mobilise.

Many in the period of peace had built up prosperous little businesses, or were in posts of responsibility in many kinds of employment, all of which had to be abandoned immediately. Their services had of inestimable value to the Fleet, for the average standard of ability and knowledge of professional matters was a high one.

Moreover, their years of civilian life had given them a new and a broader outlook; hence it was largely due to their leavening influence upon their fleetmates' opinions that the immense reforms of pay, position, pensions, etc., which were conceded on the finding of the Jarman Committee were won.

When the reforms mentioned became operative there were very few still on active service to participate in them, although it is improbable these would have been granted so soon but for these very men. This discouraging treatment induced "The People" to assist in the establishment of the R.F.R. (B) Association, which is responsible for so many far-reaching reforms.

It is therefore most satisfactory to learn that at the mass meeting held in London a large number of new members was received. It was also decided to arrange for a deputation to wait upon the Admiralty with reference to the condition of unemployment, to which R.F.R. men

now obtain by the work of the six separate branches.

To those interested, the following suggestion is offered. Just as Dame Sophie Wintz, the director of the Royal Sailors' Rests at Devonport and Portsmouth, places the facilities of these splendid institutions at the service of all naval and marine friendly and philanthropic societies for meetings and other amenities, so it might be anticipated the council of the London Union Jack Club would be simi-

larly likely to grant hospitality to the R.F.R. and ex-naval and marine ratings, seeing they all have had corporate membership in the Club while on the active list.

To build, or even to rent, a clubhouse is to-day a very expensive business, and although there are thousands of the ratings referred to living in the London area, it is improbable sufficient funds could be raised for such a purpose, whereas the Union Jack Club is in being, centrally situated, and all the potential members of the proposed Club are present or past members of it.

If, therefore, permission to use the U.J.C. premises as their headquarters was obtained immense expense and much labour would be saved, and the energies of the committee could be usefully employed in furthering the interests of members.

The Veterans.

Major Arthur Haggard, chairman and founder of the Veterans' Corps, states with reference to a note which appeared in this column in regard to the excellent report of its Employment Bureau, that the numbers of ex-service men for whom permanent positions have been found were understated.

It is an error to suppose we found only 96 permanent posts for ex-servicemen in 1922. As a fact in that year we placed 173. The number quoted refers to that period of 1923 from Jan. 1 to May 27, and since then we have a total of 173 on our credit, making a total of 115 since last year.

"You will, I am sure, also be glad to know, as you are so deeply interested in the employment of ex-Sailors and Soldiers, that since Dec. 1 we have placed above those above referred to find 1,373 other temporary jobs.

Ranker Officers.

It will have been gleaned from an explosive report in the news columns of our last issue that the R.O.A. have realised that only by fighting with their own hands is there any hope of success.

A deputation of two capable officers had an interview with a large body of M.P.s, and there is now considerable hope of commissioned officers, now pensioned as non-coms., although they may have fought in the war in any rank from lieutenant to brigadier-general, being given no less consideration than naval and marine equivalent officers have already won.

London Canteens.

The Admiralty state that the proposal to allocate one-fifth of the naval canteen revenue to the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust has been overwhelmingly voted for by the men of the Fleet, and will at once be brought into effect. It is felt that better results will be obtained by centralisation of London canteens than now obtains by the work of the six separate branches.

It has been proposed that an effort be made among all ex-Navy ratings and ex-Marines in the London area to raise funds by 5s. share subscriptions to finance the establishment of Club premises in London, and a scheme meeting is to be held to draw up a scheme for that better result.

It is felt that the best way to

raise the money is to have a general meeting of all the shares named.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANSWER to petition for a winding-up of the company was heard on June 3, and was adjourned for four weeks. You can only await developments.

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ANSWER to question concerning "The D.N." — "We are afraid the position is hopeless and the shares are now parroted in the market. We would advise you to sell at once. It is felt that better results will be obtained by centralisation of London canteens than now obtains by the work of the six separate branches.

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FLAMING JUNE AT LAST!**COUNTRY HAILS THE SUN.****75 IN THE SHADE.**

It would hardly be an exaggeration to say that the country's outlook on things in general has been changed by yesterday's glorious sunshine with its promise of real summer days to come.

Sporting enthusiasts and holiday-makers apart, most people, their ardours chilled by a period of depressing weather, were looking forward with anything but pleasure to a dull and disastrous season.

The day was brilliant along the whole of the South Coast, locally in the West and North, in S.E. England and in the Thames Valley. Many places up to 5 p.m. recorded over 12 hours' sunshine, while Paignton enjoyed over 13 hours.

Temperature was above normal in nearly all Midland and eastern districts, even in the North. A maximum of 79 degrees F. was reached at South Farmborough, Southend and Brighton, while many places recorded a temperature of at least 70 degrees F., particularly in the South.

Although the thermometer showed signs of rising earlier in the week, it excelled itself yesterday, when Messrs. Negretti and Zambra's records showed a steady improvement throughout the day.

They were:-

	Yesterday	Friday	Shade	Shade
11 a.m.	66	64		
12.0	70	64		
1 p.m.	74	67		
2 p.m.	75	68		

The Air Ministry's meteorological department gives the following forecast:-

Light N.W. wind; fine, warm.

Further outlook: Fine and warm over England, Wales and Southern Ireland, risk of further rain other districts.

A sure intimation to London that the sun had arrived was when the tar began to ooze out from between the crevices of the newly repaired roads.

It stuck to pedestrians' boots and rendered the crossing of the street an adventure for those who wished to keep their soles clean.

Once they had survived the shock of the first onslaught people rapidly made up their minds what to do with themselves under the pleasing influence of the sunshine. Those who were lucky enough to be going on holiday were jubilant at the thought of the sunshine to come, and even the people who found the heat trying were smiling with the rest.

ASCOT SUNDAY.

The weather could not have come at a more opportune moment, for to-day is Ascot Sunday.

The famous Boulter's Lock will be thronged with happy folk parading all the glorious colours and fancies of Ascot millinery and costumes. It certainly promises to be one of the most glorious Ascot Sundays we have known for a long time.

Boatmen at Richmond and other places whose craft have been lying idle for weeks, were inundated with telephone calls, and many people were unable to get boats for this glorious day of sunshine.

There was a great deal of traffic on the roads to the Kentish coast yesterday. Large numbers of motor coaches and private cars passed through Chatham on their way to Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs. Steamers plying between Chatham, Southend, and Herne Bay also did excellent business.

THIS MORNING'S LATEST LINES.

St. Douglas Hall, Bart., formerly M.P. for the Isle of Wight, is lying seriously ill at his London residence.

During Ascot races over thirty motor accidents were reported to Berkshire Police. Perhaps the most remarkable was one in which a motor charabanc ran over a motor cycle and side-car which was smashed without its occupants being injured.

No Supporters.—A canvas in Maidstone on a proposal to abolish the largest senior school in the town and use the building as a central school resulted: for, nill; against, 1,300.

Co. Op. Meeting.—A meeting of a joint committee of trade unionsists and co-operators was held at Manchester tomorrow to try to settle the dispute between the Co-operative Wholesale Society and some of its employees.

Parrot Beasts Dog.—An Airedale terrier that attacked a parrot which had escaped from its cage in Bond-st., Ealing, was wounded and put to flight by the bird. The parrot was recaptured by passers-by.

£1,750 for a Foot.—At Lincoln Assizes Mr. Justice Shearman awarded £1,750 to Flying Officer Thomas Alfred Thornton, R.A.F., Cranwell, for the loss of his right leg in a collision between a motor-car and his motor-cycle.

St. Chad!—Over 2,000 Roman Catholics from Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Coventry, and Burton-on-Trent took part in a pilgrimage to Lichfield yesterday to pay homage to St. Chad, their patron saint and the Apostle of Mercia.

Throwing a Kitten.—For throwing a kitten across the road, where it struck some railings and was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed, William Jackson, of Gordon-st., Hornsey, N.8., was Highgate fined £2, and ordered to pay two guinea costs.

Read Abiote!—For nearly four hours the main London road near Wrotham Heath, Kent, was impassable owing to a lorry containing a thousand gallons of paraffin catching fire. Hedges on either side of the road were ignited, and the tar macadam of the road itself was also set alight.

Repaid in Full.—Mr. Charles Turney, of Tapton (Bucks), whose offer to repay the Guardians 10s. out relief granted to his mother 44 years ago, together with 5% interest at 5 per cent., was fined, has spent the money in entertaining a party of 300, who included the Guardians, their wives, and the workhouse inmates.

AGED CLERGYMAN CHARGED.**A J.P.'S EVIDENCE.
OFFERTORY GIFTS IN DISPUTE.**

The Rev. Charles Barton, the octogenarian rector of Harbledown, Kent, was, at Canterbury, yesterday committed for trial on a charge of fraudulently converting to his own use the sum of 2s. 6d., entrusted to him for church expenses.

A painful story was unfolded in court. It was stated that Mr. Charles Hardy, J.P., Lady Katherine Hardy and Miss Hilton were the only three worshippers, except the sidesman, at the early Communion service at Harbledown Church on June 17. They put into the collection a 10s. note, five shillings, and three pence respectively.

Mr. Edward Lawrence, a churchwarden, said the rector handed to him at the eleven o'clock service 12s. 9d., as the offertory from the Communion service.

The Rev. E. L. Ridge, Rural Dean, said that with Mr. Lawrence and another he visited the rector and read the following to him:

"For some time there have been suspicions that sums of money given in your church have been tampered with. Now there appears to be clear and definite proof that this is so. Before any further steps are taken we wish to face you with these facts, and give you an opportunity of saying anything you may have to say."

Defendant then denied taking anything.

In court the rector suggested Lady Katherine Hardy was mistaken in saying she gave 5s. to the collection and that she only gave half-a-crown.

Bail in £50 in his own recognisance was allowed.

The rector will be tried at East Kent Quarter Sessions on Wednesday.

PIANOS AT £14.**£500,000 "LOOSE" SALES OF CANTEEN GOODS.**

Some amazing transactions under the Navy and Army Canteens Board were revealed at the inquiry over which Sir Frederick Banbury is presiding. They included the following:-

Pianos sold for £14 and £15.

Candles, cigarettes, cigars, cereals, clocks, housing and sports requisites sold to a hardware merchant.

Tapioca sold to a fruit grower for 2s.

a cwt., and resold at 27s. 6d.

300 cases of pork and beans sold at 1s. 3d. each; 1,500 cases at 1s. 7d. each.

"We have now particulars of sales amounting to £500,000, which seem to have been carried out in a very loose manner," said Sir Frederick Banbury. The inquiry will be resumed on Tuesday.

HORSE SHOW OPENS.**KING AND QUEEN TO ATTEND ON TUESDAY.**

The 12th International Horse Show opened yesterday at Olympia; and it promises to be one of the most brilliant and successful ever held.

An elaborate scheme of decoration has been carried out and the great arena, which lends itself to appropriate treatment, has been transformed to represent the encampments of King John and the Barons at the Magna Charta ceremony at Runnymede. Over 50,000 blooms have been utilised.

The entries this year have increased by 400 over those of last year, and during next week horses to the number of some 2,000, the pick of the British Isles and Europe, will occupy the great ring.

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CANCELLED REGATTA.**Cookham Event Not to be Held at Cliveden.**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Cookham, Saturday.

Cookham has won the battle of the regatta.

The proposal to move the popular fixture to Cliveden Reach, instead of holding it as hitherto in Cookham Reach, is defeated.

To-day the committee cancelled the regatta and resigned.

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AFFLUENCE TO PENURY.**Young Man and His Mania For Riding in Taxi-Cabs.**

Described as a young man who had held an extremely good position, but had been reduced to bankruptcy by lavish and stupid spending, Alfonso Francis Austin Smith (34), of The Chalet, Combe Martin, North Devon, was yesterday remanded in custody at Marylebone court, charged under the Bulking Act with hiring a taxi cab, leaving the cab and failing to pay the fare.

Mr. Appleton, for accused, pleaded guilty, and said that his client would later on succeed to a considerable sum, but meantime he was in a state of bankruptcy.

Accused, he was sorry to say, had been an exceedingly reckless young man, who had probably spent more money for cabs than anyone of his years in London.

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HUMAN DRAMAS:**YESTERDAY'S SIDELIGHTS FROM THE POLICE COURTS.**

Lost His Prop.— Fined at Acton for having been found incapable of work, a man was stated to have been holding on to a tree, and to have fallen down when he released his hold.

Fighting His Battles Again.— "I'm not an old skinflap who was with me on board the Victory," declared Sir No, No, I mean the Queen in the Crimean war." —Man of 85 at Westminster.

Exciting Street Scene. "I don't remember anything about it," said Francis Lawrence, a field worker, of Sirdar-st., Soho, yesterday afternoon, and put out his right hand as if he were regulating traffic in the middle of Piccadilly. Curiously enough the horse quietened down and passed through the gate. The large crowd roared its delight.

THE BARNARDO HOMES. Princess Beatrice presented awards to Barnardo boys and girls who have conducted themselves with credit in situations from one to five years when Founder's Day was celebrated at the Barnardo Girls' Home at Barking (Essex) yesterday.

An afternoon gathering presided over by the Duke of Somersett, it was mentioned that 60,000 boys and girls had been dealt with when Dr. Barnardo died in 1905. That number had since risen to 90,000.

THROWING A KITTEN.—For throwing a kitten across the road, where it struck some railings and was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed, William Jackson, of Gordon-st., Hornsey, N.8., was Highgate fined £2, and ordered to pay two guinea costs.

TO-DAY'S MUSIC IN THE PARKS. Bands will play in the parks to-day as follows:—

Green Park: Welsh Guards, 6 to 8 p.m.; Hyde Park: Irish Guards, 8 to 10 p.m.; Royal Parks, 3 to 5 and daily 3 to 5 p.m.; Greenwich Park: 1st Cadet Batt., King's Royal Rifle Corps, 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 9 p.m.; Regent's Park: 1st Battalion, Royal Engineers, 3 to 5 and 6 to 9 p.m.; Kensington Gardens: Kensington Voluntary Band, 5 to 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Brockwell Park: Camberwell Silver Prince, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Victoria Park: G.P.O. Military, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CHARABANC TURNS THE PLUMBERS' RUSE.

CRICKETERS HURT. WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMONG VICTIMS

CHARABANC TURNS THE PLUMBERS' RUSE.**RAMP TO BE SCOTCHED.****"RING" DISCOVERIES WAR ON COMBINES.**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Matlock, Saturday.

An urgent message was received this afternoon for the Matlock ambulance to go to the isolated village of Ireton Wood, which is on the way to Derby from the Higher Matlock road.

A cricket match had been arranged with a Derby team, Colombo Crescent, who, with a party of relatives and friends, left there by motor charabanc.

When near Ireton Wood the vehicle, from some cause unexplained, overturned, and 20 passengers were pinned underneath.

The Ireton Wood inhabitants, including Mr. Swinney's staff at Ireton Wood house, promptly turned out, and the injured were taken to the local institute.

Following are those who were afterwards conveyed to the Royal Infirmary at Derby and detained suffering from serious head injuries—Mrs. Hopkins, of Sutherland-st., Derby, and her two children Hilda and Leslie Harold, George Shaw, of Stenson-st., Derby, the driver of the charabanc; and Thomas Redfern, of Maledon-st., Derby.

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The statement that there is any connection between the Government's promised subsidy of £6 per house under the Housing Bill and the rise in prices of building materials is incorrect.

There has been an increase in prices due partly to increased demands, present and prospective, but chiefly to the fact that while building was slack certain materials were being sold at excess price.

Now merchants are taking profits, but if there is any combination artificially to boost up prices Mr. Neville Chamberlain will take drastic action.

He will keep the pledge which he made to the House of Commons and, if exposure of and publicity about rings is not adequate, will ask for more powers, which will safeguard the Government from an abuse of the subsidy.

In the meantime the Building Rings Committee, who has been appointed, with Sir Halford Mackinder as chairman, are making a comprehensive survey of the cost of all building materials and, pending a formal report, are communicating to the Minister discoveries which they make during their investigations.

PROFITEERING SCHEME.

They have, for instance, informed him of an impudent rump which is being organised by master plumbers with suppliers of raw materials and working plumbers in order to raise prices all round.

It is a well thought-out profiteering scheme. There is a fixed price for raw materials, so that there will be practically no competition. The master plumbers are to obtain 25 per cent. above their usual profit and the working plumbers are given increased pay, or a special bonus, by way of their share in the plunder.

The medical evidence attributed death to drowning. The coroner said the young couple perhaps despaired of getting married, and decided to take their lives. The evidence was too vague for anything but an open verdict.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned."

WIFE'S HOBBY.**MANIA FOR INSURANCE: PROTEST BY HUSBAND.**

(From Our Own Correspondent)</

THE WEEK'S WORK IN THE GARDEN.

Pests on Roses and Fruit Trees.

PLANTS of chrysanthemums intended for winter decoration in the greenhouse or a light window should be transferred to their flowering pots at once, so that they may make a sturdy development of stem and foliage and the necessary foundation for good flower buds later.

Use a good compost of rough straw loam, old manure, and add sand and bone-meal in fair proportion, also a little clean road grit or sand. Firmly ramming the soil carefully round the roots with a wooden rammer—this is important—then stand same outside in an open sunny position until the buds are well defined.

When the weather gets cold and frost is likely to do damage, place them safely under cover. Care in this respect should be exercised after the middle of October.

TOMATO TREATMENT.

Now that the conditions are slightly more benign, the plants are making better headway.

Give air freely to keep the growth healthy and vigorous, for this is the best preventive of disease. See that these plants never suffer from dryness, but water the flowers well if you drop instead of "setting" for fruit. Little concern need be felt if one or two of the lowest leaves curl or turn yellow, in any case these will have to be removed later to aid the ripening of the lower fruit trusses.

Plants outdoors have had a very rough time, and are probably a month behind a normal season.

Give water when required, but don't attempt much in the way of extra feeding until growth becomes free and the plants require and can take more nourishment. Keep well staked and remove all side shoots that form.

PESTS ON ROSES AND FRUIT TREES.

This is a terrible season for infestation of greenfly and other aphids. Now,

they are most localised, and Apples and Plums are literally being sucked dry by these pernicious pests.

I strongly advise spraying at any and every opportunity, even if only with clean water, for much moisture is extremely distasteful to the pests.

If no insecticide can be obtained and is necessarily used so much the better, but nothing that the remedy need be soap water (preferably made with carbolic soap) or a weak salty solution are quite good, and get rid of a great many of these soft-bodied insects.

FLOWER BEDS.

Finish planting Dahlias, Begonias and any thing else in the half hardy way at once, for the rest of the season will be all too short for certain crops, such as Marigolds, etc.

Keep all late planted subjects well supplied with water if the situation is dry and the natural moisture scanty, and don't forget that an occasional spray overhead is much appreciated by anything in the way of plants or shrubs.

STRAWBERRIES.

These are very late this year, and the crop is likely to be on the high side. If not ready done, arrange straw litter between the rows for the fruit to rest on and mature. Give a thorough soak now and again with a good concentrated fertiliser to aid the fruit to colour up well. Thin out the weakest fruits if necessary.

Arrange netting or other protection to keep birds from spoiling the colouring fruit.

ADAM.

GARDEN COMMUNICATIONS.

Will correspondents kindly note that all queries, etc., relating to gardening matters must be directed to "Garden,"

The People.

45, Wellington Street, London, W.C.2.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. G. GRIDLEY—Hose cuttings enclosed are a temporary measure, and may not be healthy under these conditions. Permanent spraying with a good insecticide such as "Rex" starts from bed in another spot with healthy roots, and strip off all the infected with "aphis." This sprayer practically removes all aphids, and many spraying with a strong insecticide are in progress. Winter and lime washing are useless. MRS. H. C. COOPER—For both, but must be used moderately and at intervals by a double handful per square yard, washed gently.

J. K. HARRIS—I am sending out for you, reply next week. I SAIL (Dover).—This is very cross country and I should go via Canterbury, Ashford, Maidstone, etc., to Shoreditch.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS—15, Fernham Road, London, E.15.—I am sending out for you, reply next week. I SAIL (Dover).—This is very hilly. I should think three days would not be long, staying at Leatherhead and Oxford.

PROTECTION.—The Tourist Trophy Races in Ireland are regrettable, but it would be better to let this first fatal accident which has taken place since the revival of the races after the War, and that considering the enormous number of contestants in motor-cycle racing, the number of accidents, fatal or otherwise, is very small.

No sport is without its dangers, but motor-cycle racing has a good if not a better record in this respect than many others.

CHESS.

By A. G. CONDE.

PROBLEM No. 76.
By Fred. J. Amor.

BLACK—Three Pieces.



WHITE—Seven Pieces.

White mates in three moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 76 (C. and F. WARTON).

Key move: 1. R.R. E2—R, KxP; 2. R.R. mate.

1... R.R.; 2. P.R.—Q and mate next move.

1... KxP; 2. P.R.—Q, followed by QxR.

Any other, R.R. etc.

Correct solutions received from—W. Turner (Bull), Mrs. McRae, R. H. Jones, Mr. Jones (Gill), Mr. Smith (Hill), Mr. John (Chelmsford), Mr. C. F. Smith (Hill), Mr. John (Chelmsford), Mr. C. F. Smith (Hill), G. Payne (Leytonstone), Mr. E. H. Eddy (Bristol), Miss Oliva, W. Stratton, Mr. Marks (Bristol), E. C. Williams (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. Appleton, M. C. Levy, C. Thomas, M. Vincent, W. G. Gibbons, D. J. Yeomans, Mr. F. W. Williams, Mr. F. J. Gibbons, G. V. Martin, G. V. Martin, C. Yates, H. Martin, J. G. Clark.

GAME No. 56.

Played in the recent Italian Championship—

White: Rossetti (Sicilian Defence).

Black: Marocchini (Sicilian Defence).

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START THIS FINE NEW SERIAL TO-DAY.

GREATHEART

A POWERFUL LOVE STORY
By Ethel M. Dell

OPENING CHAPTERS.

At a Swiss resort where Sir Eustace, his brother, "Master" Scott, and sister Isabel are staying, they come in contact with the de Vignes, whose daughter Rose is in the marriage market.

Sir Eustace had attracted the handsomeness of hat, and chances to dance with Dinah, who is travelling with the de Vignes in a dependent capacity. So impressed is the handsome and desirable Sir Eustace with the girl's exquisite dancing and charm of manner that the de Vignes take him, carrying their daughter Rose, and let cut out.

Scott, who is lame, is very friendly towards Dinah, takes her to see his invalid sister Isabel, and at length begins to recount the latter's love story.

CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

INAH'S silence denoted keen interest. Her expression was absorbed.

He went on, the touch of constraint again apparent in his manner. It was evident that the narration stirred up deep feelings. "We three had always hung together. The family tie meant a good deal to us for the simple reason that we were practically the only Studleys left. My father had died six years before my mother at my birth. Eustace was the head of the family, and he and Isabel had been all in all to each other. He left her going more than I can possibly tell you, and scarcely a week after the news came he got his things together and went off in the yacht to South America to get over it by himself. I stayed on at Oxford, but I made up my mind to go out in the vacation. A few days after his going I had a cable to say they were married. A week after that, there came another cable to say that Everard was dead."

"Oh!" Dinah drew a short, hard breath. "Poor Isabel!" she whispered.

"Yes," Scott's pale eyes were gazing straight ahead. "He was killed two days after the marriage. They had gone up to the hills, to a place he knew of right in the wilds on the side of a mountain, and pitched camp there. There were only themselves, a handful of Pathan coolies with mules, and a shikari. The day after they got there he took her up the mountain to show her some of the beauties of the place, and they lunched on a ledge about a couple of hundred feet above a great lonely tarn. It was a wonderful place, but very savage, horribly desolate. They rested after the meal, and then, Isabel being still tired, he left her to bask in the sunshine whilst he went a little farther. He told her to wait for him. He was only going round the corner. There was a great bastion of rockutting on to the ledge. He wanted to have a look round the other side of it. He went—and he never came back."

"He fell?" Dinah turned shocked face upon him. "Oh, how dreadful!"

"He must have fallen. The ledge descended on the other side of the rock to little more than four feet in width for about six yards. There was a sheer drop below into the pool. A man of steady nerve, accustomed to mountaineering, would make nothing of it; and, from what Isabel has told me of him, I gather he was that sort of man. But on that particular afternoon something must have happened. Perhaps his happiness had insteamed him a bit, for they were absolutely happy together. Or it may have been the heat. Anyhow he fell; he must have fallen. And no one ever knew any more than that."

Dinah Makes a Friend.

"How dreadful!" Dinah whispered again. "And she was left—all alone!"

"Quite alone except for the natives, and they didn't find her till the day after. She was pacing up and down the ledge then, up and down, up and down eternally, and she refused—flatly refused—to leave it till he should come back. She had spent the whole night there alone, sitting, getting more and more dismally, and they could do nothing with her. They were afraid of her. Never sum that day to this has she admitted for a moment that he must have been killed, though in her heart she knows it, poor girl, just as she knew it from the very beginning."

"But what happened?" breathed Dinah. "What did they do? They didn't leave her there."

They didn't know what to do. The world was the only one with any ideas among them, and he wasn't especially brilliant. But after another day and a half he hit on the notion of sending one of the coolies back with the news while the other men waited and watched. They kept her supplied with food. She must have eaten almost mechanically. But she never left that ledge. And yet and yet—she was kept from taking the one step that would have ended it all. I sometimes wonder if it wouldn't have been better—more merciful.

He broke off.

Perhaps God was watching her," murmured Dinah shyly.

"Yes, I tell myself that. But even so, I can't help wondering sometimes." Little voice was very sad. "She was so terribly desolate," he said. Those letters that you saw last night—all she has of him. He has gone, and seen the main-spring of her life with me. I hate to think of what followed. I sent up a doctor from the nearest station, and she was taken away—taken force. When I got to her three weeks later, she was mad, raving mad, with sun fever. She had the old nurse Billy with me. We nursed her between us. We brought her back to what she is now. To-morrow, please God, we shall get her back again; but whether it will be for her happiness He only knows."

Scott ceased to speak. His brows were raised as the brows of a man in pain. Dinah's eyes were full of tears. "Oh, think you for telling me! Thank you!" he murmured. "I do hope you will get her back, as you say."

He looked at her, saw her tears, and put out a gentle hand that rested for a moment upon her arm. "I am afraid I've made you unhappy. Forgive me! You are so sympathetic, and I have taken advantage of it. I think we shall get her back. She is coming very, very gradually. She has never before taken such an interest in anyone as she took in you last

night. She was talking of you again this morning. She has taken a fancy to you. I hope you don't mind."

"Mind!" Dinah choked a little and smiled a quivering smile. "I am proud—very proud. I only wish I deserved it. What—what made you bring her here?" That was my brother's idea. Since we brought her home she has never been away, except once on the yacht; and then she was so miserable that we were afraid to keep her there. But he thought a thorough change—mountain air—might do her good. The doctor was not against it. So we came."

"And do you never leave her?" questioned Dinah.

"Practically never. Ever since that awful time in India she has been very dependent upon me. Biddy, of course is quite indispensable to her. And I am nearly so."

"You have given yourself up to her, in fact!" Quick admiration was in Dinah's tone.

He smiled. "It didn't mean so much to me as it would have meant to some men. Miss Bathurst—as it would have meant to Eustace, for instance. I'm not much of a man. To give up my college career and settle down at home wasn't such a great wrench. I'm not especially clever. I act as my brother's secretary, and we find it answers very well. He is a rich man, and there is a good deal of business in connection with the estate and so on. I am a poor man. By my father's will nearly everything was left to him and to Isabel. I was something of an offence to him, being the cause of my mother's death and misshapen into the bargain."

"What a wicked shame!" broke from Dinah.

"No, no! Some people are like that. They are made so. I don't feel in the least bitter about it. He left me enough to live upon, though as a matter of fact neither he nor anyone else expected me to grow up at the time that will be made. It was solely due to Biddy's devotion, I believe, that I managed to do so." He uttered his quiet laugh. "I am talking rather much about myself. It's kind of you not to be bored."

"Bored!" echoed Dinah, with shining eyes. "I think you are simply wonderful. I hope—I hope Sir Eustace realises it."

"I hope he does," agreed Scott, with a twinkle. "He has ample opportunity for doing so. Ah, there he is! He is actually skating alone. What has become of the beautiful Miss de Vigne, I wonder?"

They walked on, nearing the rink. "I'm not going to be horrid about her any more," said Dinah suddenly. "You must have thought me a perfect little cat. And so I was!"

"Oh, please!" protested Scott. "I didn't."

She laughed. "That just shows how kind you are. It doesn't make me feel the least bit better. I was a cat. There! Oh, your brother is calling you. I think I'll go."

She blushed very deeply and quickened her steps. Sir Eustace had come to the edge of the rink.

"Stumpy!" he called. "Stumpy!"

"How dare he call you that?" said Dinah. "I can't think how you can put up with it!"

Scott raised his shoulders slightly, philosophically. "Doesn't the cap fit?" he said.

"Not a bit!" Dinah declared, with emphasis. "I have another name for you that suits you far better."

"Oh! What is that?" He looked at her with smiling curiosity.

Dinah's blush deepened from carmine to crimson. "I call you—Mr. Greatheart," she said, her voice very low, "because you help everybody."

A gleam of surprise crossed his face. He flushed also; but she saw that, though embarrassed, he was not displeased.

He put a hand to his cap. "Thank you, Miss Bathurst," he said simply, and turned without further words to answer his brother's summons.

Dinah walked quickly on. That stroll with Scott had quite lifted her out of her depression.

CHAPTER IX.

The Runaway Colt

It really is very tiresome," complained Lady de Vigne. "I know that child was going to be a nuisance from the very outset."

"What has she done now?" growled the Colonel.

He was lounging in the easiest chair in the room, smoking an excellent cigar, preparatory to indulging in his afternoon nap. His wife reclined upon a sofa with a French novel which she had not begun to read. Through the great windows that opened up to the balcony the sunshine streamed in a flood of golden light. Rose was seated on the balcony, enjoying the warmth. Lady Grace's eyes rested upon her slim figure in its scarlet coat as she made reply.

"Those people these Studleys won't leave her alone. As she goes after them, I can't quite make out which, the terrible or the latter. Anyhow, the easier—win, I believe, is what is termed slightly mental has sent her to go to tea in their private sitting room. I have told her she must decline."

"Quite right," said the Colonel, still holding her.

Lady Grace uttered a little laugh. "Oh, she was very reticulous and high-flown, as you may imagine. But, as I told her, she was directly responsible to her mother for any friendship she may make out here, and I am not disposed to take any risks. We all know what Mrs. Bathurst can be like. If she can't be herself an injured party."

"A perfect she-devon!" agreed the Colonel. "I fancy the child herself is still keen in order with the rest. Why, even Bathurst overhauled me—was afraid of her. Billy isn't; but then apparently Billy can do no wrong."

"She certainly loves me now, too," said Lady Grace. "I never met anyone

with such an absolutely vixenish and uncontrolled temper. I am sorry for Dinah. I have always pitied her, for she certainly works hard, and gets little praise for it. But at the same time, I can't let her run wild now she is off the rein for a little. It wouldn't be right. And these people are total strangers."

"I believe they are of very good family," said the Colonel. "The title is an old one, and Sir Eustace is evidently a rich man. I had the opportunity for a little talk with the brother yesterday evening. A very courteous little chap—quite unusually so. I think we may regard them as quite passable. His eyes also wandered to the graceful, lounging figure on the balcony. "At the same time, I shouldn't let Dinah accept hospitality from them, anyhow at this stage. She is full young. She must be content to stay in the background—at least for the present."

A Matrimonial Catch.

"Just what I say," said Lady Grace. "Of course, if the younger brother should take a fancy to her—and he certainly seems to be attracted—it might be a very excellent thing for her. Her mother can't hope to keep her as maid-of-all-work for ever. But I can't have her pushing herself forward. I was very glad to hear you reprimand her so severely this morning."

"She deserved it," said the Colonel judiciously. "But at the same time, if there is any chance of what you suggest coming to pass, I have no wish to stand in the child's way. I have a fancy that she will find the bondage at home considerably more irksome after this taste of freedom. It might, as you say, be a good thing for her if the little chap did fall in love with her. Her mother can't expect much of a match for her."

"Oh, quite," said Lady Grace. "If she were in our set, she would be altogether intolerable. But—thank Heaven she is not! Now, dear, if you don't mind, I am going to read myself to sleep. I have promised Rose to go to the ice carnival to-night, and I need a little relaxation first."

"I suppose Dinah is going!" said the Colonel.

"Oh, yes. But she is nothing of a skater," Lady Grace suddenly broke into

"A vixen's daughter, my dear! What can you expect?" She behaves like a fishwife's daughter," said Lady Grace. "And if she wasn't actually eavesdropping, I am convinced she heard what I said."

"So am I," said the Colonel dryly. "I was about to tax her with it. Hence her masterly retreat. But she was not deliberately eavesdropping, or she would not have given herself away so openly. I quite agree with you, my dear. A match between her and Sir Eustace would be most undesirable. And I also think Sir Eustace would be the first to see it. Anyhow, I shall take an early opportunity of letting him know that her birth is to me means a high one, and that her presence here is simply due to our kindness. At the same time, should the rather ludicrous little younger brother make his appearance, I am sure he will be quite impudent to snubs."

"I never interfere with your mother's ways," was a very frequent sentence on his lips, and by that axiom he ruled his life, looking negligently on while Dinah was bent without mercy to the wheel of tyranny.

He was fond of Dinah—her devotion to him made that inevitable—but he never obstructed his fondness to the point of interference on her behalf; for both of them were secretly aware that the harshness meted out to her had much of its being in a deep, unreasoning jealousy of that very schizoid fondness. They kept their affection as it were for strictly private consumption, and it was that alone that made life at home tolerable for Dinah.

For upon one point her father was inconsistent. He would not part with her unless she married. He did not object to her working at home for his comfort, but the idea of her working elsewhere and making her living was one which he refused to consider. With rare self-assertion, he would not hear of it, and when he really asserted himself, which was seldom, his wife was wont to yield, albeit ungraciously enough, to his threats.

Besides, Dinah was undoubtedly useful at home, and would certainly grow out of hand if she left her. Not very willingly had she agreed to let her go upon this Alpine jaunt with the de Vignes, but Billy had been so keen, and the invitation would scarcely have been extended to him alone.

The whole idea had originated between the heads of the two families riding home together after a day's hunting. Dinah had chanced to come into the conversation, and the Colonel, comparing her lot with that of his own daughter and being stirred to pity, had suggested that the two children might like to join them on their forthcoming expedition. Bathurst had at once accepted the tentative proposal, and had blurted forth the whole matter to his assembled family on his return, with the result that Billy's instant and eager delight had made it virtually impossible for his mother to oppose the suggestion.

Dinah had been delighted, too, almost deliriously so; but she had kept her pleasure to herself, not daring to show it in her mother's presence till the actual arrival of the last day. Then indeed she had lost her head, had sung and danced and made merry, till some trifling accident had provoked her mother's untempered wrath and sound boxing of ears had quite sobered her enthusiasm. She had fared forth finally upon the adventure with tearful eyes and drooping heart, her mother's frigid kiss of farewell hurting her more poignant than her drastic punishment of an hour before. For Dinah was intensely sensitive, keenly susceptible to rebuke and coldness, and her warm heart shrank from unkindness with a shrinking that was actual pain. She knew that the little social world of Perrycroft looked down upon her mother, though not actually refusing to associate with her. Bathurst had married a circus-girl in his green Oxford days; so the story went—a hard, handsome woman older than himself, and fiercely, intensely, ambitious. Lack of funds had prevented her climbing very high, and bitterly she resented her failure. He had never done a day's work in his life, but, unlike his wife, he had plenty of friends. He was well bred, a good rider, a straight shot, and an entertaining guest. He knew everyone within a radius of twenty miles, and was upon terms of easy intimacy with the de Vignes and many others, who received him with pleasure, but very seldom went out of their way to encounter his wife.

Dinah shrewdly suspected that this fact accounted for much of the bitterness of her mother's outlook. Her ambition had apparently died of starvation long since, but her resentment remained. Her hand was against practically all the world, including her daughter, whose fair-like daintiness and piety were so obvious a contrast to the somewhat coarse and flashy beauty that had once been hers; for all that Dinah inherited from her mother was her gipsy darkness. Mrs. Bathurst was not flashy now, and any attempt at personal adornment on Dinah's part was always very sternly repressed. She had met and withstood under the eye of scathing criticism too often, and she distrusted her own taste. She was determined that Dinah should never be subjected to the same humiliation.

She humiliated her often enough herself. It was the only means she knew of asserting her authority; for she had no intention of ever being the object of her daughter's contempt. She was harsh to the point of brutality, so that the girl's heart was wont to quicken apprehensively whenever she heard her step. She scolded, she punished, she censured, she remonstrated, she lectured, she scolded again, still with shivering vivacity the whipping she had received on one occasion for demeaning her carriage to deliver a message. Her mother's whippings had always been very terrible, vindictive through. The indignity of them lasted her soul even more cruelly than the unsparring thong of her body. Because of them she went in daily trepidation, submissively, almost to the point of abjectness, lest this hateful and demoralising form of punishment should be inflicted upon her.

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"She will hope not," agreed the Colonel. "But all the same, I rather think that her mother will find her considerably less tame and tractable when she sees her again than she has ever been before. Liberty, you know, is a dangerous toy."

"Then we must be more strict with her ourselves," said Lady Grace.

CHAPTER X.

The House of Bondage.

Dinah ran swiftly down the corridor to her own room. As a matter of fact, she had intruded upon the Colonel and Lady Grace in the secret hope of finding a propitious moment for once again pressing her request to be allowed to accept Scott's invitation to tea. Her failure to do so added fuel to the flame, arousing in her an almost irresistible impulse to retell stories.

The fear of consequences alone restrained her, for to be caught home in disgrace after only a week in this Alpine paradise was more than she could face. All her life the dread of her mother's wrath had overhung Dinah like a cloud, sometimes near, sometimes distant, but always present. She had been brought up to fear her, and the childlike All through her childhood her punishments had been bitterly severe. She arrived still at the bare thought of them; and Lady Grace that her mother had never really loved her. To come under the ban of her displeasure meant days of harsh treatment, now, not that her childhood was not, had the discipline been relaxed. She never acquiesced to what her husband insisted somewhat grimly.

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RACING NORTH AND SOUTH.

SOUTHERN CHALLENGERS LIKELY TO FAIL IN BIG TYNE-SIDE EVENT.

WITH Ascot a meeting of the past we
have no go North this week for the
best racing. Though south country
people are no longer interested in the
Northumberland Plate as in the old days,
it still remains the "Pittmen's" Derby,
and retains all its hold on the sportsmen of
Tyne-side and neighbouring counties.
Time was when north-trained horses
more than held their own, and after
many years it very much appears as
though the north will again have a
look-in.

A week ago Juniso stood out as one of
the best handicapped horses in the race.
But Ascot has happened since then,
and Juniso has earned a penalty.
Further, he was brought out a
second time on Friday, and finished
so very tired that it is unlikely he
will again be asked to race so soon.
East Tor is also trained at Manton, but
he, too, has earned a penalty, and so may
skip Gosforth Park.

DOUBLE HACKLE AGAIN

I have not heard whether Double
Hackle will attempt to repeat his last
year's win, but in any case I do not
expect him to get home under 9 ft. 2 lb.
Soubriquet may not run, and I have little
fancy for Irish Bell or Orphy. But if
so far north the French-trained
is another preoccupation. I was much
impressed with him at Ascot, and, win or
lose here, he is one who will win a nice
prize for Lord Derby.

Coldene is nicely in, but has nothing
in hand of Carpathius, who has gone well
since winning at York, and is, I happen
to know, very much expected. Brimlow
and Glass Lid will not, in my opinion,
do, but Perfectus is a strong tip, and at
6 ft. 13 lb. has quite a nice chance.

Jazz Band is a strong tip in the North.
He is another who scored on Knavesmire.
He stays for ever, and his success would
be most popular. Young Pole cannot win
on the Ascot form.

Dancer is in the Carpathian stable, and
the last-named is believed to be much the
better at the weights. I have no particular
fancy for those towards the foot of the
handicap. I have a decided fancy for
CARPATHIUS.

with PERFECTUS and CEINTURON next
best.

THE LITTLE CARDS.

A full week's racing makes a start to-
morrow at Folkestone, where I expect to
see NOCE D'ARGENT credit Vic
Taylor's stable with the Deal Plate. With
a run CLIO I, may alone for repeated
disappointments in the Stamford Plate.
In her absence whatever Cottrell saddles
may win. I am advised to follow
BENGAL in the Chatham Handicap, and
HERNE THE HUNTER.

taking all the allowances, is likely to be a
good thing for the Maidstone Plate.

On the second day at Westenhanger
Park, ORLAND, with a 6 lb. breeding
allowance, should with a run take the
Public Sales Stakes, though there is
no little interest.

The one unpleasant blot on the meeting
was the heating of Teresina by the stable
companion, Paola. Teresina was ridden
by the accredited stable jockey Ingham,
and was favourite. The other carried the

BRISL.'

to win again in the Folkestone Handicap.
CAMBODIA is likely to improve upon
Epsom by taking the Dover Handicap.

Personally, I intend going up North
after having taken a hurried trip during
the week end to Paris to see the decision
of the Grand Prix, where, from what I
hear, I expect GRAN, on Prince Velasquez,
to at least finish amongst the first three.

At Gosforth Park on Tuesday the some-
what disappointing GREY LADY may
come out with the Arnot Selling Plate,
and LUNE DE MIEL holds a very
great chance in the St. Oswald Plate.

But the best thing of the afternoon may
be.

DOUBLE ENTREPRENEUR

in the Gosforth Park Biennial Stakes,
of course, Bucks and Drakes apparently
represents the danger—if there is any.
TAYLOR'S SELECTED should win the

North Derby.

The Northumberland Plate is the big
betting event on Wednesday. I have
already given my reasons for selecting
CARPATHIUS. The same stable may
take the Perkins' Memorial Plate with
GRAN ELEY.

who is quite a useful sort, and has been
specially trained and reserved. If sent
from Newmarket CHEVETTE will, I am
certain, require a lot of beating for the
Grand Prix, and I am told to follow
GRANDELLA for the Abergavenny Plate.

On Wednesday a trifle invested on
MARY SELBY for the Campden
Handicap is quite likely to show a pro-
fit. Then in the Newcastle Handicap
nothing will stand better than

CAMBODIA

who I have reasons to believe is much
fancied. He carries colours that always
command a strong following here. Pa-
ola is expected to have several winners at
the meeting, and FELKINGTON, in the
Gosforth Park Cup, is likely to be one of
them, though I expect to see so su-
perior. For a fourth wager I see
nothing better than OLFORD* for the
Seward's Plate.

Following Folkestone, Southcountry
sporting people will still be at the sea-
side, Brighton drawing attention. This
is a meeting where the horses for coursing
systems prevail, for horses can win here
on flat tracks that are now nowhere else.

On the Wednesday, Persson may run well
better than GRAN in the Southwicks
Handicap, but may not beat MOUSE
TRAP if seen.

GOLLY EYES*

likes the course over which he has won,
and he should be followed for the Rail
Cup. H. H. COTTRELL, TAYLOR'S SELECTED
rungs up again, and this course will suit
her even better than Folkestone.

I have a great fancy for

BULLY**

in the Patcham Handicap on Thursday.
He has nothing to carry GOLLY EYES
jumps up again, and this course will be
favourites. The Steyning Plate can be left
to COTTRELL'S SELECTED.

At Sandown on Friday another chance
should. I think he is given to MODORNE

GOLBY**

to be a real good thing for the Hamp-
ton Two-Year-Old Selling Plate.

The Sandringham Plate I shall leave to
TAYLOR'S SELECTED, and those who
have lost money over LADY DIANA at
Sandown may recoup it in the Chelmsford
Handicap.

CHIVALROUS

in the Patcham Handicap on Thursday.
He has nothing to carry GOLLY EYES

WEEK'S BEST THING.

Larry Lynn's suggested Best
Thing of the Week is
HERNE THE HUNTER.

at
Folkestone To-morrow.

ASCOT REVIEWED.

WILL KNIGHT OF THE GARTER
REPEAT HISTORY?

I dealt with the Royal meeting day by
day in our Saturday edition, but my Sunday
readers will no doubt be anxious for
a few hints on the Ascot running. We

usually expect to see some smashing
"dark" two-year-olds brought out, but
last week those that had the best form
in the book came out on top. Of course,
the flying Mumtaz Mahal is in a class by
herself, and it is too early to say she will
not stay. Pretty Polly stayed, and there
is no reason why The Tetrarch's daughter
should not do so.

It is all moonshine now to say that
The Tetrarch's offspring are not endowed
with stamina. We have had many instances
to the contrary.

Druid's Orb gave a fine display
in the New stakes, but so did
Knight of the Garter in the King's
colours. Persimmon won the Coventry
Stakes, and then secured the Derby for
King Edward. Will Knight of the Garter
repeat history? There are more unlikely
things.

MANTON SIX WINNERS.

Last week I made three special
selections for Ascot's popular races.
They were:

Ascot Stakes.

JUNISO, won 5-1.

Royal Hunt Cup.

WESTMEAD, 1st.

Gold Cup.

HAPPY MAN, won 7-4.

Other winners included Mumtaz
Mahal and Saltash (Best Thing of
Week).

Among our Newmarket Cor-
respondent's selections were: Friar
(won 5-1), Knight of the Garter
(won 5-1), Eastern Monarch
(won 5-1), Ellangowan (won
3-1), Triumph (won 8-15), and
Druid's Orb (won 6-4).

NEW COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEME.

SUGGESTED RETIREMENT OF THE WEAKER COUNTIES.

By HUBERT PRESTON.

THIS overwhelming defeat suffered on Thursday by Northamptonshire and Glamorgan bring home more clearly than ever the fact that both those teams are hopelessly placed when meeting most of the first-class counties. Worcestershire have fared little better this season, but they finished at the bottom of the championship competition last September.

Having in mind these recent events and the continued inability of those three counties to show form worthy of the company to which they have been admitted, the idea occurs to me that they might accept their failure and offer to stand out of the championship. The withdrawal of these three most recently promoted clubs would leave 14 competitors who could all play each other without making the programme too heavy.

If desired, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire and Glamorgan could be regarded as first-class and play as many matches as they could arrange. Visits of such sides as Yorkshire, Lancashire, Surrey or Middlesex would attract just as many spectators as now, when the difference in the strength of the teams leaves no room for doubt as to the result of the game, unless something very exceptional and extraordinary should occur, and their matches would rank with those which Oxford and Cambridge play against various counties and the M.C.C.

It is not too much to say that these counties have not maintained the standard necessary for the status to which they aspired, and it would be a graceful act for them to retire now when the Advisory Committee announces a meeting to consider the question of how best to reckon points in the tournament. Worcestershire, knowing their weakness, adopted this course for the season of 1919. They had been allowed to enter much more readily than were Hampshire, Somersetshire, Derbyshire, Essex and Warwickshire years ago when the defeat of leading counties was the one sure road to admission.

A COMPLETE TEST.

Without these three the fourteen counties of long standing could all play each other twice in a regular tournament conducted on systematic lines. This has been accepted as the one thoroughly satisfactory plan of deciding a competition of this kind, and it would make the cricket championship a complete test of the skill and strength of all those taking part.

It would be possible also to arrange the fixtures in a way that would prevent Middlesex, Surrey and Essex all being at home at the same time, while a week later London is left without a first-class fixture, as happens with irritating regularity year after year.

In these circumstances, too, the question of counting points would become a problem less difficult to solve. It seems right that points could be divided for other results so that the whole championship table would balance. For this purpose ten recommendations itself. Provision must be made for the draw, or we should have the intolerable nuisance of a side with a few wins, or even only one victory, to their credit, playing to avoid defeat. When the drawn game was left out of the reckoning, Leicester-shire by the aid of one success, kept at the head of the competition for several weeks.

The inevitable defeat of a moderate side occurred at last, but their position above counties holding far better records showed how ridiculous it was to have a system that tempted a captain to play for a draw unless victory was almost certain, by reckoning on a proportion of wins in finished games.

An equal division of the ten points by sides engaging in an indefinite match would work out fairly, and there might remain the present benefit to the leaders on the first innings. The proportion of six for the first innings winners and four for the losers would leave the same margin of two points for the better side, so

COUNT OUT'S NOTES.

THE BECKETT v. CARPENTIER COMEDY.

Stories of Diogenes Stanley, Bob Fitz-Jones, and those otherighting men have been battered through with none too brutal hands.

Between you and me, this Carp.-Beckett controversy has got me in a guessing state. We have read that Beckett will go on with the battle if he is given time to do so, fit, and Carpenter has agreed to a postponement until July 2.

Last night Major Wilson informed me that there are indications that the contest will take place on the late men mentioned above, but nothing definite can be said until Beckett meets Major Wilson to-morrow afternoon.

By the way, Tom Gibbons has just started training, and he meets the great Dick Dempsey on July 4. Beckett and Gibbons take note of the time for training. I do not hold any brief for Carpenter, failing as I do in the inconvenient postponements he has caused to more than one of our men.

But in this affair with Beckett he has done his best to meet the wishes of the Southampton man.

The whole affair makes me tired, and I much rather read about the fighting men, Jimmy Wile.

Think of how Jimmy fought and saved the situation on the night the Battling Dynamite-Bombardier Wells bout took place; and just call to mind how many tried to hide his child when passing the Zulu Kid at the Holborn.

LEA REGATTA RESULTS.

A number of the Lea Branch of the N.A.R.A. closed their seven-day Regatta on the River Lea on Saturday. Harris, Eric, won 1st. Cooper, Eric, disqualifed.

100 Yards - Men's - Cambridge, 200 Yards - A. H. Morris, 1st. New Oxford, 2nd. G. T. Stevenson, 3rd. Cambridge, 4th. Middlesex, 5th. London, 6th. A. L. Jones, 7th. Gloucester, 8th. Bristol, 9th. A. L. Jones, 10th. Tonbridge, 11th. Bath, 12th. A. L. Jones, 13th. Worcester, 14th. Gloucester, 15th. Birmingham, 16th. Liverpool, 17th. Bristol, 18th. A. L. Jones, 19th. Worcester, 20th. Gloucester, 21st. Birmingham, 22nd. Liverpool, 23rd. Bristol, 24th. Gloucester, 25th. Birmingham, 26th. Gloucester, 27th. Bristol, 28th. Gloucester, 29th. Birmingham, 30th. Gloucester, 31st. Bristol, 32nd. Gloucester, 33rd. Birmingham, 34th. Gloucester, 35th. Bristol, 36th. Gloucester, 37th. Birmingham, 38th. Gloucester, 39th. Bristol, 40th. Gloucester, 41st. Gloucester, 42nd. Gloucester, 43rd. Gloucester, 44th. Gloucester, 45th. Gloucester, 46th. Gloucester, 47th. Gloucester, 48th. Gloucester, 49th. Gloucester, 50th. Gloucester, 51st. Gloucester, 52nd. Gloucester, 53rd. Gloucester, 54th. Gloucester, 55th. 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